

West Virginia Legislature

Senate Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

3:00 p.m.

Room 451-M

The Senate Committee on Finance met at 3:15 p.m. in room 451-M on Wednesday, March 6, 2019. Senator Blair, Chairman, called the meeting to order and the committee clerk took a silent roll call to establish a quorum.

Members present: Senators Boley, Facemire, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Maroney, Palumbo, Prezioso, Roberts, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Unger and Chairman Blair.

The Chairman recognized Ben Agsten, Budget Analyst to the Senate Committee on Finance, to explain Originating Bill 7 – Supplemental appropriation to the Department of Administration, Office of Finance, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Maroney who moved adoption of Originating Bill 7 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Analyst Agsten, to explain Originating Bill 5 – Supplemental appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Health and Division of Human Services, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Maroney, who moved adoption of Originating Bill 5, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Analyst Agsten, to explain Originating Bill 6 – Supplemental appropriation to the Department of Administration, Office of Technology, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Maroney, who moved adoption of Originating Bill 6, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Analyst Agsten, to explain Originating Bill 8 – Supplemental appropriations to the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and Division of Corrections, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Maroney, who moved adoption of Originating Bill 8, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman again recognized Analyst Agsten to explain Originating Bill 9 – Supplemental appropriation to the Education and the Arts, Educational Broadcasting Authority, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Maroney, who moved adoption of Originating Bill 9 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Chairman Blair then recognized Cindy Dettinger, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, to explain Committee Substitute for HB 2674 – Creating a student loan repayment program for mental health provider, explain the pending amendment from the committee on Health and Human Resources, to which the bill was first referred, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Maroney, who moved the pending committee amendment. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman again recognized Senator Maroney, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for HB 2674, as amended, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman recognized Alan Nichols, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Finance, to explain Committee Substitute for HB 2673 – Creating the Oil and Gas Abandoned Well Plugging Fund, explain the pending committee amendment from the Senate Committee on Energy, Industry and Mining, to which the bill was first referred, a proposed amendment from the Committee on Finance, and to answer questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Maroney who moved adoption of the pending amendment from the Committee on Energy, Industry and Mining. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the amendment rejected.

The Chairman again recognized Senator Maroney, who move adoption of the amendment from the Committee on Finance. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the amendment adopted.

The Chairman recognized Senator Maroney, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for HB 2673, as amended, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted

The Chairman then recognized Jeff Johnson, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Finance, to explain Committee Substitute for HB 2807 – Creating an additional modification to the West Virginia adjusted gross income of shareholders of S corporations engaged in banking, explain the pending amendments from the Committee on Banking and Insurance, to which the bill was first referred, the proposed Finance Committee amendment and to answer questions of the committee.

Chairman Blair recognized Senator Maroney, who moved adoption of the pending amendment from the Banking and Insurance committee. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the amendment adopted.

The Chairman again recognized Senator Maroney, who moved adoption of the proposed amendment from the Finance committee. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the amendment adopted.

Chairman Blair then recognized Senator Maroney, who moved adoption of Committee Substitute for HB 2807, as amended, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

The Chairman again recognized Counsel Johnson, to explain HB 3142- Relating to reducing the severance tax on thermal or steam coal, explain the proposed Finance committee amendment and answer questions of the committee.

Chris Hamilton, West Virginia Coal Association, Jack Francis, United Mine Workers of America, Mark Muchow, Deputy Secretary, West Virginia Department of Revenue, and Sean O’Leary, Senior Policy Analyst, West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy, were also recognized to answer additional questions of the committee.

The Chairman recognized Senator Maroney, who moved adoption of the Finance Committee amendment. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the amendment adopted.

The Chairman then recognized Senator Stollings for an amendment to the amendment. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the amendment adopted.

The Chairman recognized Senator Maroney, who moved adoption of the title amendment. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the amendment adopted.

The Chairman recognized Counsel Johnson, who explained that the title of the bill would change with the adoption of the amendment to the amendment and that the title amendment would need to be withdrawn.

The Chairman recognized Senator Sypolt, who voting on the prevailing side of the adoption of the title amendment, moved to reconsider the motion. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Chairman Blair then recognized Senator Maroney, who moved the title amendment be withdrawn. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Chairman Blair again recognized Senator Maroney, who moved adoption of HB 3124, as amended, with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chairman recognized Senator Palumbo for a motion to adjourn and declared the motion adopted.